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What with dues from merchants, bills
from mosquitoes, complaints from farm-
ers, the wheat market at zero, and banks
bustling, we cannot really wonder that the
cry is upraised from every part of the com-
munity of hard times, money is scarce, etc.,
etc. It would be interesting however, to
boil words and grumbling down to hard
facts, and see whether this mournful cry
is really genuine. Let us take as our first
witness, Washburn's circus, and the herd
of suckers that follow in its rear. What
do we find? Simply this, and nothing
more. At every important town along the
C. P. R., from Fort Arthur to Calgary they
floored from the gullible public in every
town they visited, sums ranging from
\$1,000 and upwards, that progressive and
moral town of Virden, our Eastern neigh-
bor, willing contributing its \$1,000.

Our second witness shall be our own
town, which, on Friday, the day of the
celebration, somewhat contradicted the
assertion of bail times by spontaneously
extricating from its pockets for mere pleasure
alone, about \$500. The first item was
\$100 in prizes, \$500 for the first ladies
aid; \$400 for the first concert; \$300 for the
first ladies aid; \$300 for the first dance; \$300
for the first refreshments; and \$250 for the
first refreshments. These items together with
other smaller items, etc., etc., makes a total
of \$500 for one day's sports. Surely no one
can conscientiously assert after these
facts that times are bad. Whether it is
bad or not, there is absolutely certain-
ly that there is money in the Province, and
the individual who can hunt it from its
hole is the man to be envied and emulated.

GLADSTONE AND ABERDEEN.
The current issue of Review of Reviews
contains a flattering tribute to the G. O.
M. and our future Governor General.
The Imperial Institute was opened by
Her Majesty on the tenth of May. The
pageant at the opening was pretty and
popular, the sun was propitious—it was at
the very crown of the year's prime—and
the parade of the Australian and Indian
troops was very impressive. After the
opening the Prince of Wales held a huge
reception, and claret-cup and tea and ice
were dispensed from behind one-third of a
mile of counter to 25,000 guests represent-
ing every body who is anybody in the great
middle class, with a sprinkling of other
bodies above and below. Some of the well
dressed crowd missed Mr. Gladstone, who
was present as the Prince's guest, an in-
cident the importance of which was ab-
surdly exaggerated. Who can guarantee
the good behavior of 25,000 persons, es-
pecially when they have been supplied
with champagne cup "free gratis and for
nothing"? Besides, what did Mr. Glad-
stone care? Surely every one knows that
he is far too securely muffled in the triple
bosom of his own conscious rectitude to
feel anything but a momentary compas-
sion for the vulgarity of the humdrum
who thought to save the Union as the
scene saved the Capitol by their abili-
ties. It is much to be wished that at
these huge democratic receptions the mob
should behave itself like a gentleman, but
when party feelings run high and the
wine runs free, occasional contretemps are
inevitable and it is true philosophy to
make the least of them by treating them
as if they were as much matter of course
as a counter-check in the House of Com-
mons.

The accession of Lord Stanley to the
Earldom of Derby has had one happy
result in establishing Lord Aberdeen in the
Governor Generalship of Canada almost at
the opening of the World's Fair at Chi-
cago. Nothing could be of happier augury
for the future relations of the two great
branches of the English speaking race
than that Lady Aberdeen, President of
the World's Congress of Women at Chi-
cago, and founder of the Irish village in
Lake World's Fair, should at the same time
have her husband appointed to represent

the Queen in the Dominion of Canada. I
grudge the Aberdeens to Canada. We
need them in England and Scotland, and
perhaps most of all in Ireland. But per-
haps it is best they should go to Canada,
which is an amalgam of all three, with a
strong dash of France thrown in. But
Canada's gain is our loss, for their place
on this side the Atlantic is one which no
one can fill.

EARLY CLOSING FROM THE EM-
PLOYER'S STANDPOINT.
In a recent issue "The Merchant" quoted
from the experience of leading Toronto
and Hamilton retail merchants in closing
their stores at six o'clock every evening in
the week. As the time is now at hand
when this subject of early closing com-
mands more attention from all classes in-
terested than at any other time of the
year perhaps, our merchant readers will
probably welcome all information and
practical testimony that may be gleaned
from reliable sources upon this important
question, which must sooner or later be
solved by the general adoption of early
closing. It is apropos to ask the retail as-
sociations in Toronto and other Canadian
cities the question: What are you going
to do about early closing this summer?
Before answering it we would suggest
your careful perusal of the following opin-
ion and experience of a liberal-minded em-
ployer.

"We have tried both plans and know
whereof we speak when we say there is no
reasonable excuse for keeping open late.
We say close early, and when you come to
think of it, six o'clock is not early. We
open our store at 7:15 a.m. one half our
force is on hand at the opening hour, and
quit in the one hour before closing time.
The others come an hour later in the morn-
ing and remain until closing time. This
makes the day quite long enough both for
employer and employee. We ask our cus-
tomers for a moment, to put themselves in
the position of a salesman. He lives two,
three, or four miles from the store. In
order to be on time in the morning he
must necessarily leave home about six
o'clock. Closing time comes; nine o'clock
perhaps, ten, just according to the strag-
gling trade. It is well so it ought to be
before he arrives home. We say give em-
ployees all the rest you can. They need it.
They will do more and better work in
ten hours than if you compel them to
fudge for fifteen hours. Toronto Mer-
chant."

ANOTHER VIRDEN FIRE.
VIRDEN, Man., July 7.—A fire started
at 2 a.m. in the rear of Trumbull's whole-
sale liquor store, Seventh avenue. The
large stock of liquors burning illuminated
the country for miles. The fire brigade
and citizens did all they could to save the
adjoining buildings, but could not. The
fire consumed the billiard hall and two
other buildings used as offices and dwell-
ing. Fortunately the stone building just
erected on the lot between these buildings
and the Balmoral Hotel saved the latter
building. Had the Balmoral Hotel caught
there is no telling where the fire would
have ended. A stiff breeze from the north
was blowing all the time. The losses as
far as can be learned are: Trumbull's
buildings, loss \$1,000; insurance \$1,000;
Trumbull's stock, \$10,000; insurance \$10,000.
The other buildings, owned by Mrs. J. J. J.
were valued at \$1,700; insurance \$1,100;
contents valued at about \$1,000, insured
for \$500.

RUNNING A NEWSPAPER.
From the "Michigan Catholic."
Jim Jones, he was an editor; that is, he
tried to be.
He bought himself a hand press, an' he
started in to see
Jes' what there was to editin', but when
he'd canvassed round
Some fifteen hundred editors in that same
town he found—
They all know more about it than Jones
could hope to know;
They told him: "You must run her Jones,
Jes' so an' so!"
Be sure and boom the Baptists, they're
bound to help you out,
An' give the good old Methodists a big
salvation shout!
"Give every man a notice; be sure an' put
it down
Whenever Major Jinks is seen to per-
ambulate the town;
Put in a few free locals for all the stores,
an' at five
Each man a free subscription, if you want
your sheet to live!
Well, Jones he done Jes' as they said for
fear they'd make a row;
But the more he tried to please 'em all the
more they told him how!
Until at last he took his book an' laid it on
the shelf;
Then ran the paper in the ground, an' fol-
lowed it himself!"

LAUNDRY.
Mrs. Bagg, an experienced laundress,
used to steam laundries wishes to inform
the public, that she has commenced busi-
ness on the south side of the railway
track where she is prepared to do all kinds
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DEFINITIONS OF A BABY.
A London paper awarded a two guinea prize for the best definition of a baby. The lady who won the prize sent in this answer:
A tiny feather from a wing of love dropped into the sacred lap of motherhood.
The following are some of the definitions given:
The bachelor's horror, the mother's treasure, and the despotic tyrants of the most republican household.
The morning cat, the mother's crawler, midnight bawler.
The only precious possession that ever expires in cry.
The latest edition of humanity, of which every couple think they possess the finest copy.
A native of all countries speaks the language of non-sense.
About twenty-two inches of nose and wiggle, writhes and screams, diled, suction, and testing apparatus for milk, and automatic alarm to regulate supply.
Quaint little craft called innocence, rattle with simplicity and love.
A thing we are expected to kiss and look as if we enjoyed it.
A little stranger with a free pass to the heart's best affections.
That which makes home happier, love stronger, patience greater, hands busier, clothes shabbier, the past forgotten the future brighter.

The Elksley Sentinel man has invented a new game "Editor's Delight." It is played in this wise: Take a sheet of ordinary writing paper, fold carefully and enclose but note well let it be large to pay up all arrears and one year in advance. What adds tremendously to the game is to send along a new subscriber or two accompanied by the cash. Keep an eye on the editor, and I smile as he faces the trick works like a charm. Now is the time to play the joke.

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